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A.—(a) An Inspector and an Assistant Biologist are deputed to work on the trawler.

(b) No. The Inspector of Fisheries attached to the trawler was paid the allowance irrespective of the actual period he worked on board the trawler.

(c) The Assistant Biologist works on board the trawler when she is out of port. In the intervals, between her cruises, he is engaged in collating the information collected by the trawler and in controlling and supervising the work at the two research stations, viz., Calicut and Krusadai.

(d) Yes. The trawler is out of order. The Assistant Biologist is now working in the Calicut Biological station. After the trawler was disabled he was able to attend to the reports on the trawler's work which were in arrears. He has completed the second report on the trawler's survey for 1928–29 and is now working on the third report for 1929–30. Besides this, he has been attending to the equipment of the two Biological stations at West Hill and Krusadai island with apparatus and fittings sanctioned by Government and organizing the research work of the stations, especially the research on sardine at West Hill and on pearl and chank and on commercial fisheries in the Gulf of Mannar, such as, the recently discovered Pamban sardine fishery, at the Krusadai Biological station.

(e) Yes.

Work done by the Assistant Biologist of the Fisheries Department.

* 312 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) what is the nature of the work of the Assistant Biologist of the Fisheries Department;

(b) whether he is still working on board the 'Lady Goschen'; and

(c) whether he is still drawing the special allowance sanctioned for work on the trawler?

A.—(a) Work on board the trawler when she is out of port.

Work at the Calicut and Krusadai research stations in the intervals between cruises.

The former will consist of collection of specimens while the latter will consist of charting out results obtained during cruises, recording observations, identifying specimen and control and supervision of the work of the shore stations.

(b) No.

(c) Yes.

Qualifications of the officer in charge of the Tanur Research station.

* 313 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) whether a qualified Chemistry Graduate has been appointed to Tanur Research station;